

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of plants of medicinal value identified and documented so far;
- (b) whether the Government propose to exploit the Gandhi Mardhan range in Orissa in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) According to a report, about 8000 plant species are known to have medicinal value. About 2200 plants have been identified for Ayurvedic use. Some of these plants are common to Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems of medicines.

(b)&(c) Survey units of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines have undertaken preliminary survey and exploration of this area for medicinal plants.